

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please add claims 18-20 as follows:

18. (New) The intramedullary nail of claim 1, wherein said one of said fastener receiving areas included in said distal end section has at least two holes extending transverse to the longitudinal axis, said at least two holes being operable to each receive a fastener that cross one another.

19. (New) The method of claim 10, which further includes providing another hole extending transverse to the longitudinal axis of the elongate member in addition to the at least one hole for each of the fastener receiving areas.

20. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein one of the fastener receiving areas has at least two holes extending traverse to the longitudinal axis of the elongate member.